



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)	
Takashi Yamamoto et al.)	Group Art Unit: 3763
Application No.: 10/809,497)	Examiner: Laura A Bouchelle
Filed: March 26, 2004)	Confirmation No.: 7869
For: CATHETER WITH PUNCTURE SENSOR)	

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Notice of Allowability recently issued in connection with the above-identified application is accompanied by an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. The comments in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance discuss reasons why the application is allowable and refer to subject matter not found in the prior art.

This paper is filed to clarify the record with respect to the comments in Statement of Reason for Allowance. It is understood that the comments in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance are not intended as a verbatim extraction of the language in each of the independent claims of this application. For example, it is noted that the allowed claims in this application include claims directed to a catheter and a catheter system, as well as claims drawn to a method for injecting a therapeutic composition. The comments in the Statement do not distinguish between these claims which define the invention in different terms.

Thus, as mentioned, it is understood that the comments are not intended to suggest that all of the allowed independent claims in this application contain the


particular language and features mentioned in the Statement. That is, Applicants submit that the comments in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance are not intended to imply that the allowed claims in this application recite anything different than that which the claims themselves recite.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this matter or should the Examiner disagree in any way with the comments set forth herein, the Examiner is kindly asked to contact the undersigned so that such matter can be discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

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